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Metra isn't getting Wi-Fi. What aren't you getting?

Scott: Tossup between enough fiber in my diet and any younger.

Elliott: I live in my mom's basement and never go on dates ... what do YOU think?

Bex Allen (@bexrunschicago): My tax return.

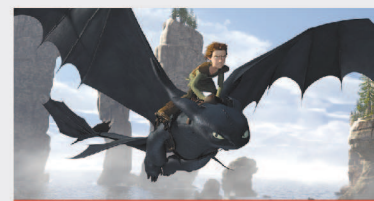


Describe Chicago spring weather in six words or fewer ...

Scott: Breezily chillaxing with showers likely.

Elliott: I can't believe it's not snowing!

Joel Toledo (@jt312): Winterishly summerful.



How do you train your dragon?

Scott: With bacon. Dragons love bacon.

Elliott: Not as good as Pixar trains its Monsters, but good enough.

Chris Vaughn (@vaughnchicago): By making it watch this season's "American Idol." It's enough to break any dragon's spirit.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

Not quite winter, not quite spring



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Less frosty



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Layers start to disappear



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Not all bad



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Could be best to stay in

best bets

By Rebecca
Palmore
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For Gleeeks

Burwood Tap, 724 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-525-2593
Fuel up for a "Glee"-watching party with a free buffet from Chicago Joe's. Drink specials include \$3 Harp drafts. 8 p.m. No cover.

For talkers

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The Supreme Court is going to consider whether California can restrict access to violent video games such as "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2," which is rated M for mature.

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Digital showdown

Supreme Court to decide whether state can restrict access to violent video games

The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether California can ban the sale or rental of violent video games to children.

The court will review a federal court's decision to throw out California's ban. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Sacramento said the law violated minors' rights under the First and Fourteenth amendments to the Constitution.

California's law would have prohibited the sale or rental of violent games to anyone under 18. It also would have created strict labeling requirements for video game manufacturers. Retailers who violated the act would have been fined up to \$1,000 for each violation.

The law never took effect and was challenged

shortly after it was signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. A U.S. District Court blocked it after the industry sued the state, citing constitutional concerns.

Opponents of the law note that video games already are labeled with a rating system that lets parents decide what games their children can purchase and play. They also argue that the video games are protected forms of expression under the First Amendment.

The high court's action Monday was surprising, given that justices just last week voted 8-1 to strike down a federal law that banned videos showing animal cruelty. The California case poses similar free speech concerns, although the state

What about the carp?

The Supreme Court on Monday decided not to get involved in a dispute over how to prevent Asian carp from making their way into the Great Lakes.

The justices on Monday turned down a new request from Michigan to consider ordering permanent closure of Chicago-area shipping locks to prevent the invasive fish from threatening the Great Lakes.

law is aimed at protecting children, raising an additional issue that could affect the high court's consideration.

HuffPo turning 5

The Huffington Post soon will turn 5—veritable old age in Internet years. The Web site was co-founded by Arianna Huffington and launched May 9, 2005. Here's a look at its numbers.

13 million

It recently made the top 10 current events and global news sites, with 13 million unique users in March, an increase of more than 94 percent over the year before, according to Nielsen Online.

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The site has developed 20 sections ranging from food to books, launched four city-specific pages and integrated itself with social networks, partnering with Facebook and Twitter.

2.3 million

Number of comments posted on the site in March.

GOOD WEEK/BAD WEEK



It's a good week to be ...

The Hollywood sign in California. The state's Trust for Public Land says Playboy founder Hugh Hefner's \$900,000 donation completes the conservation group's \$12.5 million fundraising drive to protect the 138 acres behind the famous nine-letter landmark. Hefner's gift caps a yearlong effort by conservationists to keep developers out of the area behind the sign. GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

It's a bad week to be

The U.S. Postal Service. It's still facing billions of dollars in losses and is considering a variety of ways to cut costs.

Both the commission that oversees the Postal Service and the post office's inspector general currently are seeking comment and suggestions from the public. People interested in commenting can do so at the postal inspector general's site, blog.uspsig.gov.



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Know your CTA board chairman

It's been about six months since Mayor Daley tapped Terry Peterson to become chairman of the seven-member CTA board, the agency's governing arm.

Going Public sat down with Peterson, 50, recently to discuss his time in office and his goals, which are mostly to advocate for more funding for the cash-strapped CTA.

While you're likely to see or hear of Peterson in Washington and Springfield, you probably haven't spotted him on a bus or train.

When GP asked Peterson when he last rode the CTA, he replied: "Oh God. It's been a couple of years." Peterson, who grew up in Chicago and lives in the city, said he intends this summer "to become a tourist in this city on public transit."

» **Resume:** Peterson is vice president for governmental affairs at Rush University Medical Center. From 2000 to 2006, he ran the Chicago Housing Authority and worked with CTA president Rich Rodriguez, who served as managing director of CHA operations.

» **Why he took the job:** "I was honored when the mayor asked me to come over and do this," Peterson said. "He said, 'Terry, although you're going over during challenging economic times, I need the board and you to make sure that you're focused on improving the quality of service of mass transit in this city.'"

» **On his first six months:** "So far, so good ... Huge challenges but proud of the way the staff managed its way through it thus far." Would he change anything? "Very little that could have been done differently."

» **His focus:** "Safe, courtesy, on-time and clean," Peterson said. "Those four things resonate with me."

» **His greatest challenge:** "Trying to ensure funding," Peterson said. "How do we get a more stable funding source on both the capital [eliminating slow zones, expansion projects, bus replacement] side and the operating [labor, security, maintenance and repair] side?"

» **On service cuts:** Peterson said he's more focused on preventing future service cuts than restoring the cuts to bus schedules and train frequency that took effect in February.

» **His relationship with the unions:** As CTA enacted service cuts, Peterson, Rodriguez and the leaders for the two unions that represent CTA held a few dueling news conferences. Both sides said they tried to contact one another and blamed one another's unwillingness to meet and negotiate. Still, Peterson said, "I think we had a pretty decent working relationship."

» **What he wants riders to know about him:** "I enjoy public service. I've been involved in it for 20 years," Peterson said. "I enjoy being in a position to make a difference and to improve the quality of life for people."

TALK TO US

What's your assessment of the CTA's new rail cars? Tell Tracy by sending an e-mail to tswartz@tribune.com. Please include your full name, age and neighborhood in case we publish your thoughts.



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Renters' CHEAT SHEET

By Leonor Vivanco

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Scouring apartment listings. Scrambling to inspect apartments to see if they match your wish list and budget. Stuffing all your belongings into boxes.

Moving season is upon Chicagoans again, with May 1 looming as one of the busiest move-in dates of the year.

For the 1.3 million renters in the city, the renting rat race can be stressful. But there is a silver lining: Available apartments outweigh the number of renters, according to area rental experts, giving Chicagoans the upper hand when it comes to bargaining with landlords and getting good deals on rent. At the same time, landlords are giving renters enticing offers they can't refuse, like half or a full month rent-free, low move-in fees instead of hefty deposits, and inclusion of utilities and parking in rent prices.

Take the case of Kevin Hannan, 39, who recently moved from New York to Chicago. He spent only five days looking for a top-floor, two-bedroom gut rehab unit in a walkable neighborhood for less than \$1,650 a month.

He found it in Andersonville.

The landlord's "letting me move in early for no extra cost," Hannan said. And they worked out a deal to have it completely furnished, he said.

Converted condos are contributing to the inventory of rental spaces, apartment finding services say. The slowed number of workers moving to Chicago for jobs because of the economic downturn also means more units are available.

"Cash is tight and everyone's on a money crunch," said Maurice Ortiz, marketing director at The Apartment People, who said renters are now asking if owners can be flexible.

"Most neighborhoods are full of supply where landlords are being negotiable and waiving security deposits on some occasions," said Justin Elliott, CEO of Chicago Apartment Finders.

However, demand remains high in popular neighborhoods such as Lakeview, Lincoln Park and the Gold Coast, he said. "In spite of that, it's still a renter's market, but mainly a renter's market in neighborhoods north, south and west," Elliott said.

RULES OF RENTING

Renters can play an exhausting game of 20 questions with leasing agents, landlords and property managers about apartments. What's the rent? Are utilities included? What about pets? The list goes on.

Much of what is required by landlords is detailed in the city's residential landlords and tenants ordinance, which is available at chicityclerk.com/

tenantsVRSlandlords.php. (Apartments in owner-occupied buildings containing six units or fewer are excluded from most sections of the ordinance.) To get answers to five questions many renters have about repairs, painting and deposits, RedEye consulted tenants' rights experts as well as landlords and property managers. Here's what we dug up. **LEONOR VIVANCO**

RENTER'S SITUATION

Can I paint the walls? Does it matter if I return the walls to their original color?

Expert advice: Consult the lease first. Most prohibit the tenant from making any improvements without the advanced consent of the landlord, said Douglas Pensack, associate director of the Illinois Tenants Union. If the landlord allows painting, make sure to get it in writing "so there won't be 'landlord amnesia' on the subject later," he said. Some leases allow the walls to be painted a different color but require tenants to repaint the walls the original color when they move, he said.

Landlord response: It's up to each owner, said Sam Martin, property manager at Seminary Properties and Management Ltd. His company doesn't permit painting because too often tenants didn't paint the walls back and it became an added cost for the owner. "For the most part landlords are typically pretty flexible," said Paul Houillon, president of Connected Property Management. "What owners get upset about is tenants move in and that's their plan and don't say anything and start painting the walls."



RENTER'S SITUATION**If my toilet breaks and I call a plumber, do I have to pay for that?**

Expert advice: If the toilet breaks, the landlord is responsible for fixing it, Pensack said. If the landlord doesn't respond promptly, renters have to give the landlord advance written notice before calling a plumber, he said. If the landlord doesn't respond to the notice, the tenant can call a plumber and bill the landlord by taking the cost they incur from the next month's rent, Pensack said.

If the landlord responds to the notice and allows the tenant to hire a contractor for the repair work, the tenant should get the agreement in writing, said John Bartlett, executive director of the Metropolitan Tenants Organization.

If the problem was caused deliberately or negligently by the tenant, he or she is on the hook for the repair expense, according to the ordinance.

Landlord response: If something breaks, renters should contact the management company first, Martin said. His group, Seminary Properties Ltd., owns and operates properties on the North Side.

Some properties also have staff available 24 hours a day to deal with urgent issues, said Paul Houillon, whose Connected Property Management based in Lincoln Park.

"Good owners who want to keep their tenants should make repairs right away," he said.

RENTER'S SITUATION**My landlord isn't cashing my check promptly. What can I do about that?**

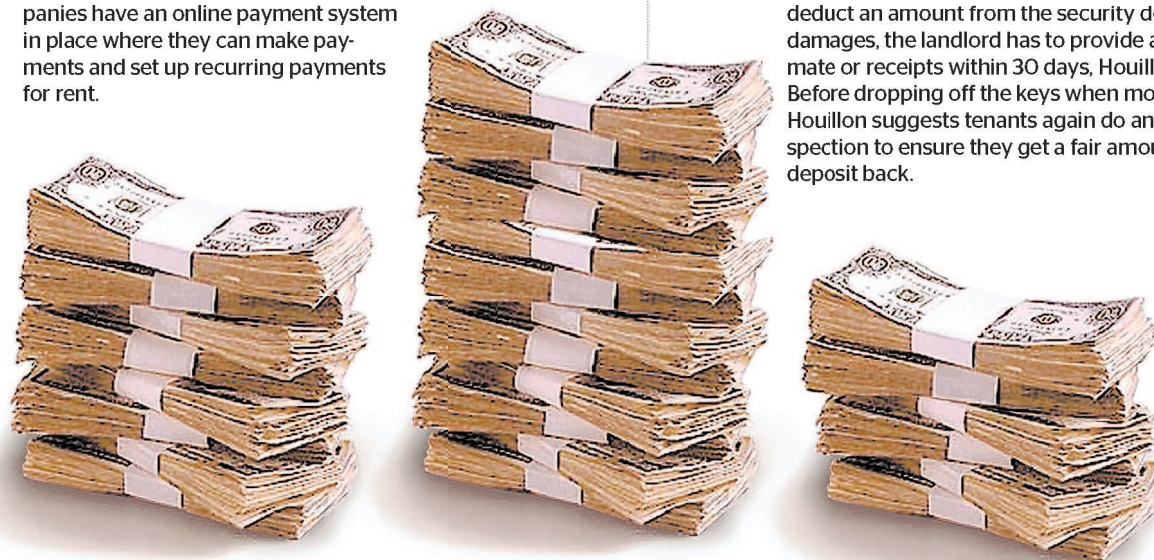
Expert advice: Tenants should get either a written receipt from their landlord or agent or a certificate of mailing receipt to prove the rent was paid on time, Pensack said. If the renter is concerned about his or her check being cashed late, he or she could pay with a money order, he said. Bartlett suggested communicating with the landlord about why it's not being cashed promptly.

Landlord response: Some rent checks even come with notes saying please deposit as quickly as possible, and at other times asking to delay cashing the checks, Martin said. Houillon said some management companies have an online payment system in place where they can make payments and set up recurring payments for rent.

RENTER'S SITUATION**Should I be getting interest on my deposit? How long will it take to get it back?**

Expert advice: Interest, with a rate set by the city, is owed, due and payable each year to the tenant, Pensack said. Deposits are required to be repaid within 45 days of moving out of the apartment, he said. "But theft of deposits by landlords is extremely common, and may require pursuit through the courts to actually retrieve them," he said. It's a good idea for tenants to take pictures of the apartment upon move-in to document the condition of the place, noting if there are any issues and where they are, Bartlett said.

Landlord response: If the landlord is going to deduct an amount from the security deposit for damages, the landlord has to provide an estimate or receipts within 30 days, Houillon said. Before dropping off the keys when moving out, Houillon suggests tenants again do another inspection to ensure they get a fair amount of their deposit back.

**RENTER'S SITUATION****Why do I have to replace the light bulbs? What if the fridge breaks—do I have to pay for that, too?**

Expert advice: It's custom for the tenant to replace light bulbs as well as the battery in the smoke detector inside the apartment, Pensack said. However, the standard of the building code is that the landlord is responsible for nearly all other maintenance, such as appliances offered to tenants as part of the lease, such as a refrigerator, he said.

Landlord response: Tenants also are responsible for batteries for carbon monoxide detectors and furnace filters if they have individual heating or cooling systems, Martin said. If appliances that are part of the apartment when the renter moved in break down, the landlord is responsible for getting a new one in a timely fashion at no cost to the renter unless the tenant misused it, he said.

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Aerial artwork

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DALEY, QUINN RELUCTANT TO DEPLOY GUARD IN CITY

Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley reacted coolly Monday to the idea that the National Guard be called in to help slow the violence on Chicago's streets, as two state representatives had suggested a day earlier.

"Everybody knows their frustration, when one crime is one too many in any community—any death or any injury," Daley said, taking a quick break from an international municipal conference to address the issue. "But like anything else, you have to look at long-term solutions. You can't just put something temporary in there."

"People have to get involved in their community, family by family and block by block."

Daley's remarks came a day after state Reps.

John Fritchey and LaShawn Ford, both Chicago Democrats, held a news conference to suggest the National Guard be deployed in Chicago to quell the violence, at a time when the city's murder rate is on the rise. They said as many people have been slain in the city this year as U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan combined.

While the city's homicide rate is on an uptick in the early part of this year, it is generally down from years past, when more than 500 people a year were killed.

Gov. Pat Quinn said Monday that he will not deploy members of the National Guard to help patrol city streets unless requested to do so by Daley. Quinn said it could be counterproductive to police efforts, as law enforcement officers

and military personnel are trained differently.

The governor suggested the National Guard could be most helpful by providing intelligence assistance and the use of helicopters for aerial surveillance. But even that step would be extraordinary, and Quinn said it would not happen without a request from Daley—a possibility that seems remote.

Quinn was asked if the crime situation rose to the level of needing the National Guard, since the homicide rate is lower than in years past.

"One homicide is too many in my book, and I think we should always look for every way to coordinate our public safety resource in Illinois at every level to make sure we have safe streets and safe communities and safe people," he said.

Cops seek evidence in Bucktown beating

Chicago police were combing through trash bins in Bucktown on Monday, looking for evidence in a baseball bat attack that seriously injured two women, sources said.

Police have yet to come across any belongings of the victims, Natasha McShane, 23, and Stacy Jurich, 24, including their purses or any personal items that a thief might have discarded, authorities said.

2 charged in fatal fire plead not guilty

Two Cicero men pleaded not guilty Monday to planning and setting the early-morning fire that killed seven people—ranging in age from 3 days to 20 years old—who were asleep in an attic room of a Cicero residence when it burned Feb. 14.

Lawrence Myers, 60, and Marion Andre Comier, 47, each face seven counts of murder and two counts of aggravated arson.

Group urges city to allow video gaming

With hundreds of workers standing behind them in a City Hall corridor, a coalition that would benefit from video gambling urged the City Council on Monday to reverse Chicago's prohibition on the machines.

The rally was organized by Back to Work Illinois, a coalition led by Mayor Daley's one-time campaign chairman, Greg Goldner. In addition to business groups, it includes several unions.

U. of C. expanding to Beijing

The University of Chicago announced Monday in Beijing that it will open a center there this fall, serving as a base for programs in business, medicine and culture for American and Chinese students.

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Tornado aftermath

1 Fred Saxton surveys tornado damage to his business in Yazoo City, Miss., on Monday. Nearly 700 homes in Mississippi were destroyed by Saturday's twister. **AP PHOTO**



Unrest in Thailand

2 Pro-government protesters wave national flags Monday during a rally in Bangkok. Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej spoke Monday but didn't address political strife. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**



Bath time

3 Kentucky Derby hopeful Devil May Care is washed down after a workout Monday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The 136th Derby will be run Saturday. **AP PHOTO**

Companies to cut the salt

4 **NEW YORK** Sixteen food companies plan to cut the amount of salt in bacon, flavored rice and dozens of other products as part of a national effort to reduce American's sodium consumption by 20 percent.

"Sodium is a major cause of high blood pressure, which in turn can lead to heart attack and stroke," said New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who announced Monday that companies including H.J. Heinz Co., Kraft Foods Inc. and Starbucks will commit to the voluntary National Salt Reduction Initiative, a public-private partnership initiated by New York City.

Mark Broadhurst, director of corporate affairs for Mars Foods, attended the City Hall news conference with Bloomberg on Monday and said the company would cut the salt in its Uncle Ben's flavored rice products by 25 percent over five years.

"When it comes to reducing sodium, if you can make it here you can make it anywhere," Broadhurst said.

Lanette Kovachi, corporate dietitian for Subway, said the sandwich chain already has cut sodium by 30 percent in its European outlets and is working on reducing salt in its U.S. restaurants.

"We're actively working with our food suppliers to reduce sodium in all of our menu items," she said.

Heinz had announced that the company would reduce sodium by 15 percent in all the ketchup it sells in the U.S. starting May 1.

WHO'S IN?

Here are a handful of food companies and restaurant chains that said Monday they will meet voluntary limits on salt content by 2012 or by 2014.

Au Bon Pain: Sandwiches with ham and cured meat, soup, sweet yeast breads

Boar's Head: Cold cuts, bacon, processed cheese

Goya: Canned beans

Hain Celestial: Health Valley crackers, Terra chips, Westbrae canned vegetables

Heinz: Ketchup

Starbucks: Breakfast sandwiches not on a biscuit

Uno Chicago Grill: Hamburgers, pizza and chicken and fish sandwiches

The salt reduction initiative has set a goal of cutting the salt in 62 categories of packaged foods and 25 categories of restaurant foods by 25 percent over five years. That would lead to a reduction in the nation's salt intake by 20 percent, health officials said.

Lori Roman, president of the Salt Institute, a trade association, said the sodium initiative was "not based on sound science."

"The Italians eat about 40 percent more sodium than Americans, yet they have better cardiovascular health than Americans," Roman said. "So it's not the sodium. It's an overall diet high in fruits and vegetables."

Chernobyl warning

5 Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich warned Monday on the 24th anniversary of the world's worst atomic accident that the Chernobyl nuclear reactor remains a serious threat to Europe. The exploded reactor is encased in a deteriorating shell and work to replace it is far behind schedule.

Twin joins race for president

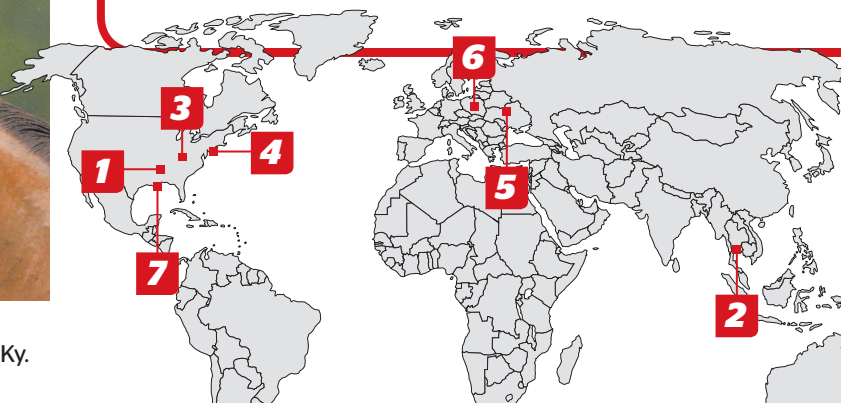
6 Polish opposition party leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski said Monday he will run in summer elections to replace his twin brother, Lech, the incumbent president, who was killed in a plane crash. Jaroslaw Kaczynski, 60, said he will run to continue the mission of his brother and others killed in the crash.

Oil threatens Gulf Coast

7 Oil leaking from a sunken drilling rig in the Gulf of Mexico oozed slowly toward the coast Monday, endangering hundreds of miles of marshes, barrier islands and white sand beaches in four states from Louisiana to Florida. An estimated 42,000 gallons of oil a day are escaping two leaks in a drilling pipe.

Kevorkian van taken off eBay

The VW camper van Dr. Jack Kevorkian used during his assisted suicide campaign no longer is listed for sale on eBay after the online auctioneer cited a policy against "murderabilia." Current owner Jack Finn, who put the van on eBay last week, says he's now selling the van through Kruse Auctions.



THE DIGIT

12 years

New research suggests that having four common bad habits can age you by 12 years, according to a study that appeared in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine. The four bad habits are smoking, drinking too much, not getting enough physical activity and a poor diet.



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Hey, beardman

DAY 14

Blackhawks Colin Fraser and Andrew Ladd and RedEye's Jimmy Greenfield are growing NHL playoff beards. Alex Quigley? We're not sure. Who's winning? Text **"beard"** followed by the number of your choice to **87708** or go to bit.ly/heybeardman.



1. Colin Fraser



2. Andrew Ladd



3. Jimmy Greenfield



4. Alex Quigley

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FIRST & GOALS(S)

FIRST 20 MINUTES OF HAWKS-PREDATORS GAME TAKE A TURN FOR THE WILD

It didn't seem possible the Blackhawks-Nashville series could top the incredible ending to Game 5. Enter the first period of Game 6. While it might not have topped the do-or-die intensity of Saturday's game at the United Center, Monday night's first 20 minutes certainly matched it with a flurry of wild, big-time goals as the Predators tried to stave off elimination. Here's how the period unfolded. **REDEYE**



6:38 INTO THE GAME

Duncan Keith fires a slapshot from just inside the blue line, and it sails past Pekka Rinne to give the Blackhawks the lead. Hawks nation breathes a sigh of relief. But wait ...

Score: Blackhawks 1, Nashville 0



8:50

A couple of minutes later, the Predators answer with a Shea Weber score from directly in front of the goal. We'll let that one slide, Antti Niemi.

Score: Blackhawks 1, Nashville 1

9:54

On what might have been the wildest shot you'll see in a hockey game, Patrick Kane is credited with a goal after Brent Seabrook fires the puck off Kane's skate after winning a faceoff and it sails right by Rinne, who was out of the net for some reason. We'll take it.

Score: Blackhawks 2, Nashville 1

12:03

Patrick Sharp gives the Blackhawks a two-goal advantage on a scrum in front of the net. He stays with a rebounding, bouncing puck and eventually pokes it in. Sharp attack!

Score: Blackhawks 3, Nashville 1

BLACKHAWKS 5, NASHVILLE 3

Hawks win, move on to face Vancouver

NASHVILLE, Tenn. If the Blackhawks learned anything during their first-round series against the Predators, it's that there won't be any easy paths in their quest for the Stanley Cup.

The Hawks put away a driven and pesky Nashville squad with a 5-3 victory in Game 6 of the Western Conference quarterfinals Monday night at Bridgestone Arena. The Hawks won the series 4-2 to set up a rematch with Vancouver in the Western Conference semifinals that will start later this week.

Patrick Sharp had a goal and two assists, Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith each had a goal and assist and John Madden closed out the scoring with an empty-net goal. Marian Hossa and Brent Seabrook each added two assists to help Antti Niemi outduel Finnish countryman Pekka Rinne in goal. Jason Arnott scored twice

for the Predators.

Keith kicked off a wild and raucous first period with his first goal of the series early on. The defenseman scored on the Hawks' second shot of the game when his attempt from just inside the blue line eluded Rinne, who was screened by Tomas Kopecky on the play.

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Toews
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15:44

The Predators cut into the Hawks lead while on a power play after Niklas Hjalmarsson was penalized for slashing. Jason Arnott gets it by Niemi from the right side of the net.

Score: Blackhawks 3, Nashville 2

19:05

Arnott scores again, this time on a slapshot from just inside the blue line. And we're getting deja vu. Predators climb back to tie the game, just as they did in Game 5.

Score: Blackhawks 3, Nashville 3

19:29

Twenty-four seconds later, however, Capt. Jonathan Toews gets the puck past a diving Rinne to give the Hawks the lead again.

Score: Blackhawks 4, Nashville 3

20:00

A frantic opening period comes to an end with the Blackhawks 40 minutes away from clinching the series. There were 22 shots on goal, and seven of them found the net. Whew.

Crosstown sellout

Whoopie! The Crosstown Classic now has a trophy associated with it, along with a shiny, new corporate sponsor. If there are only two words that could describe Chicago's rich and passionate baseball tradition, surely they are "British" and "Petroleum."

I get that money is money, Messrs. Reinsdorf and Rick-etts, but couldn't you have done this with a more Chicagocentric sponsor? Carson's Ribs? Victory Auto Wreckers? The Moo & Oink Chitlins Bucket would seem so much more authentic.

But I don't have a problem with yet another corporate tie-in intruding upon our fair national pastime. Nay, I say the BP Crosstown Classic Brought To You By Jewel-Osco needs even more sponsorship. Check it:

» **Been Caught Stealing:** Awards the catcher who throws out the most base runners \$10K from ADT Security Systems.

» **Life Moves Slower Here:** Sponsored by the San Pedro de Macoris Board of Tourism, the player with the most lackadaisical approach to fielding wins a four-year, \$72 million vacation.

» **Crosstown Long Ball:** The player who hits the longest homer during the series wins a lifetime supply of product from the contest's sponsor, ExtenZe All-Natural Male Supplements.

And I think the Cup itself isn't enough motivation for the players. The winning team also should receive:

» Right of first refusal to buy seats on the glass for Blackhawks games. (It'll be the only ticket that matters for the next few years, anyway.)

» A 30-minute head-start on Rush Street every Friday and Saturday night for the remainder of the summer.

» Rights to claim Sammy Sosa's "good years."

» Oh, and the losers still get paid millions of dollars to play baseball.

» I'd now like to announce that my answers in today's Five on Five are brought to you by Sony PlayStation 3, Bacardi Silver, Ducati motorcycles, PokerStars.com and the Hanalei Bay Resort in Kauai, Hawaii.

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Hawk-itis

Fermin Molina wanted to be in Five on Five, but not with Jimmy. Can't win 'em all. Join us at redeyechicago.com/5on5.



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1 How are your nerves going to hold up in the next Blackhawks game/series?	Not a problem. My nerves missed the postseason for the 42nd straight year.	I have about two or three OTs left before my heart explodes.	A lot better than my wardrobe. "Playoff legs" are not conducive to skirts/shorts/capri pants.	We have two teams in the playoffs?	I'm not nervous, we got it in the bag. I think?
2 Who's going to be the next hero for the Blackhawks?	I think we're going to hear a lot from Troy Brouwer real soon.	I'm hoping Hjalmarsson, so I can make 37 "Stop. Hammer Time!" jokes.	Sooner or later, I'm assuming we'll see Chris Chelios out there.	So much happens when you leave the country for three months.	Patrick Kane's sweet mullet. Why does he have a mullet anyway? Isn't he from Buffalo. Oh, that's right Buffalo.
3 Jimmy and Alex are growing NHL playoff beards. How are you showing Hawks pride?	By never taking off my Jeremy Roenick fitted cup. Yes, cup.	Apparently, by losing to Jimmy. By a LOT.	In addition to my "playoff legs," I try to get over to the beard photos and make fun of Alex at least once a day.	I'm trading in my cricket bat and flip-flops for ice skates and a coat.	I am showing Hawks pride by starting a petition making sure the Cubs never show up to a game again.
4 Got any last words of encouragement before the Bulls play at Cleveland on Tuesday?	Misery is a wonderful thing to be put out of.	Quintuple-team No. 23.	Hey guys, try to stay out of LeBron's way. I'm assuming we'll need some of you next year.	Go out there and do your best. Promise we won't be disappointed.	Be careful not to hurt LeBron. We want him healthy for next year when he's a Bull.
5 Do you think the Bulls gained anything by making the playoffs?	Besides sympathy? No.	The gate receipts and concessions for two extra home games. That's it.	Yes, a worse draft pick. Way to go, guys.	Probably a hat, at least. Maybe a T-shirt?	Of course. LeBron got to see how much Chicago fans support him. I mean, the UC sold out for him.

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HERO OF THE DAY

Aramis Ramirez

He was patient at the plate and drew a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the 10th to give the Cubs the win.

DUD OF THE DAY

Sean Marshall

The Cubs sent four pitchers to the mound Monday night. Three of them were named Carlos. One was not. Carlos-mania interrupted. Thanks, Sean.

THE DIGIT

37-35

That's the Sox's record in the Crosstown Classic, which will now be played for the BP Crosstown Cup.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's been nine years since your last title—which must have felt like eternity for Yankee fans. I think other teams would be just fine with a spell like that. The Cubs, for example."

—President Obama during his meeting with the World Series champion N.Y. Yankees



With Candice Dupree (left) traded, the Sky expects the rest of the team to step up. GETTY IMAGES FILE

The need for lead

Sky prepares for life without forward Candice Dupree

After the offseason trade of veteran All-Star forward Candice Dupree to the Phoenix Mercury, Sky coach Steven Key is looking for new leadership as the team begins practices for the 2010 WNBA season this week at the Attack Athletics facility on the West Side.

"Right now it will probably end up being more than one person, until they get to know each other as players and as people," Key said Monday. "Too often, people want to take the best player and make that person the leader. It just so happened that Candice, for us, over the past four years turned into that person. She was not always a very vocal person, but she was a leader because people liked her and she was our best player and she was our most productive and consistent player."

"So I am looking for our team figuring out exactly what it needs: when you need to be led, when you need to lead. Leadership doesn't always come from the top down; it comes from within, it comes from

down at the bottom. It's easier for a coaching staff when you can lead yourselves."

The Sky finished 16-18 last season, barely missing out on its first playoff appearance. The team recently selected former Rutgers guard Epiphanny Prince in the first round of the draft. Prince remains in Europe, where she has played the professionally since forgoing her senior season of eligibility at Rutgers.

"I expect Epiphanny to come in and hit the ground running and incorporate what she has learned as a professional over the last nine or 10 months," Key said. "Then she can come in here and bring the same attitude, because the people she has been playing with over there are the same people she is going to get here on a night-in and night-out basis. Instead of having two or three of them [from the WNBA], there are going to be 11 of them on the other team. She is going to have a short adjustment for that, but I think she will be up to the task."

The Sky's regular-season home opener is May 22 against Indiana.

» Derrick Rose underwent an MRI exam on his sprained left ankle Monday, but was scheduled to fly with the team to Cleveland on Monday afternoon. Luol Deng also didn't participate in the Bulls' brief practice at Berto Center because of soreness in his left calf.

WOLVES 2, MILWAUKEE 1

The Wolves scored twice in the first period then held on thanks to 14 saves from goalie Peter Mannino. The Wolves move on to play the Texas Stars starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Allstate Arena.

"We determined we wanted to come out in free agency and be very aggressive so we can start building our team and create the knowns. We felt like we did that. We don't have the capital to come in and be able to do things if players do become [available] and be very aggressive."

— Bears GM Jerry Angelo on 670-AM, discussing the team's free agency plans



triple dog dare

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I have a love-hate relationship with the Hawks. Love the success, hate the mini-strokes I've been having every period. Here now, my picks.

Bulls at Cleveland

7 p.m. CSN

1 Cavaliers 108, Bulls 89

It's been great, but it's over. Thankfully.

Cubs vs. Washington

7:05 p.m. WCIU

2 Cubs 9, Nationals 2

The unlikely offensive continues.

White Sox at Texas

7:05 p.m. CSN+

3 Sox 8, Rangers 4

Mark Buehrle controls the game. As usual.

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3 People You Should Know to know

These locals are shaking things up in cocktails, beer and organic food

By Lisa Arnett and M. Kathleen Pratt

The names behind Chicago's dining and nightlife scenes speak as loudly as—and sometimes louder than—the food and cocktails they're creating. Here are three movers and shakers to put on your radar.



DAN PETERSON PHOTOS FOR METROMIX

Guy Meikle

*Executive chef, Nana
(3267 S. Halsted St. 312-929-2486)*

Since coming on board about a month ago at recently expanded Bridgeport organic eatery Nana, Meikle, a Culinary Institute of Chicago grad who's logged time at Bin 36, Bin Wine Cafe and Carlos', has gone to work updating the breakfast and lunch menus. Next up: dinner service, scheduled to launch in May.

What are some of the changes we'll start to notice at Nana?

We started doing a lot more things from scratch—making our own pickles, curing our own salmon. We refined the bacon and the sausage program ... just adding a lot more depth of flavor.

When you're not cooking, where do you like to hang out?

I live in Wicker Park, and I do really love the concept behind Big Star: the simplicity to the food and also the concept cocktails that they do there. ... I've been in Wicker Park now for about 10 years, so it's great to see it grow.

You're in White Sox territory now. I have to ask: Cubs or Sox?

Cubs! I should have expressed that in my interview before I started at Nana, but luckily it didn't come up.



Debbi Peek

*House mixologist, The Bristol
(2152 N. Damen Ave. 773-862-5555)*

Peek had her share of wins on the mixology competition circuit and was working at chic cocktail lounge the Drawing Room when Bacardi hired her away to be its portfolio mixologist. Bacardi's loss (budget changes shifted her from full time to consultant) is our gain, as she's now back behind the bar at The Bristol,

creating the cocktail menu and slinging drinks Wednesday through Saturday.

What was your first bartending job?

Making margaritas all day long on a patio in Kihei, Maui. I was a server and they needed a day bartender ... so I bought a bartending bible and taught myself. I can make a mean mai tai and an awesome piña colada.

What will you be pouring at The Bristol this spring?

Drinks you can guzzle because it's hot out and ... refreshing sipping drinks as well. I always believe that everything should have a little citrus, because you need that balance.

What are your favorite off-duty hangouts?

I love Sepia. And I love Mercadito, it's one of my favorites.

Chris Rafferty

Brewmaster, Rock Bottom (1 W. Grand Ave. 312-755-9339)

As Rock Bottom brewer Pete Crowley leaves May 1 to work on his own brewpub, Haymarket, Rafferty is waiting in the wings. Having brewed around the country, he comes to the River North brewpub from Rock Bottom in Arlington, Va., with a couple of recent awards under his belt.

What makes you most excited to be brewing in Chicago?

There's a really good beer culture in this town ... which is going to make my day-to-day a lot more rewarding, working with people who are really into beer.

What new brews are we going to see from you?

I've had some recent successes with some competition beers [brewed at Rock Bottom in Arlington] that I'd like to introduce here. We're going to brew the Harvest Moon rye, a gold medal winner at the World Beer Cup [held in Chicago earlier this month]. I also have a coffee-infused stout named Dude! Where's my Vespa? that also won gold that will be an occasional offering.

There has to be a story behind that name.

I used to use beans from a widely distributed coffee franchise that had a little red Vespa on their Italian roast.



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5 TO KNOW: VEGETARIAN SPOTS
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Metromix's top shows by Matt Pais

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Crystal Bowersox rocks, it's plain to see. The folksy guitar-slinger from rural Ohio has thus far dominated this lackluster season of "American Idol" with her vocal prowess and easygoing stage presence.

So why, then, are so many people hung up on her hair?

Via blogs and message boards, fans have issued proclamations on the long, blond, ropelike dreadlocks the 24-year-old sports. Some love them, but others deride them with a passion.

Venomous adjectives such as "dirty, filthy, and trashy" have been used to describe them. "[They're] ugly and make her look cheap," one poster insisted. She's a "fake sister," claimed another, referring to the fact that dreadlocks mostly are associated with black hair.

All this vitriol underscores the many stigmas and stereotypes attached to a hairstyle that dates to ancient Egypt and, more recently, often is associated with reggae artist Bob Marley, a member of the Rastafari movement.

But even though mainstream celebrities such as Whoopi Goldberg, singers Lenny Kravitz and Adam Duritz, baseball star Manny Ramirez and author Alice Walker have sprouted dreadlocks through the years, it's a hairstyle that remains highly misunderstood.

"I can't tell you how many people have approached me trying to buy, sell, or give me pot," says Ludovic Blain, a Berkeley, Calif., resident who has worn dreadlocks for 14 years. "And I don't smoke anything."

Although he believes his thick tresses have gained more acceptance in recent years, Blain, who has a Cornell University education and an administrative position, has seen them provoke false perceptions

in job interviews and some social circles.

"People struggle to fit me in a box, especially when I leave a major metropolitan area," he says. "Am I a radical? Am I homeless? Lazy? ... At this point, I just chuckle."

Jordan Aiken can relate. The 23-year-old, a recent graduate of UC Berkeley, recalls how sororities and certain clubs shunned her.

"Before I had dreadlocks, I remember being approached by lots of campus [recruiters]," she says. "Afterward, they would just smile and let me walk on by without handing me their fliers. ... They probably didn't think I fit into their demographic."

Like others who favor dreadlocks, Aiken has seen them arouse curiosity in friends and strangers. "A lot of people want to come up and touch them," she says. She also has dealt with what might be the biggest misconception about dreadlocks: that they're the unclean, unkempt byproduct of neglect.

"They're not dirty. I wash my hair. I really do," she says, laughing. "No one ever says they smell bad or anything."

Indeed, Michelle Robinson, who specializes in "locking" (or knitting) hair in her Oakland salon,

'AMERICAN IDOL'

Dreadlock wearer Crystal Bowersox and Mount Prospect native Lee DeWyze still are considered the "Idol" front-runners as the top six perform Shania Twain songs at 7 p.m. Tuesday on Fox.

LOCKED IN

Bob Marley and Whoopi Goldberg didn't invent dreadlocks. The hairstyle has been around for thousands of years. Here's a brief history. MCT

SOURCES: "DREADS" BY FRANCESCO MASTALIA AND ALFONSO PAGANO; "DON'T WORRY, BE NAPPY" BY JEFFERY BRADLEY; "DREADLOCKS OR DREADFULLY LOCKED?" BY MONICA ARAC DE NYEKO.

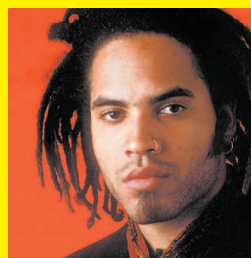


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« **Along the Nile:** The first known examples of dreadlocks date back to ancient Egypt, where images of the hairstyle appeared on various artifacts. It has been said that, when he died, King Tutankhamun was wearing dreadlocks.



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Naturally Yours, insists the hairstyle actually can be very high maintenance, with some dreadheads spending several hours a week on grooming and upkeep.

"There's a lot of ignorance out there. What we're basically talking about is just a larger strand of hair," says Robinson, who prefers to drop the word "dread" from the term. "It's not dreadful. It's clean and beautiful."

One issue concerning the hairstyle is tinged with tension: Who should wear them? For Rastafarians, dreadlocks are a symbol of inner spirituality. Moreover, for many blacks, dreadlocks represent a vivid rejection of assimilation and an expression of racial pride. That's why some regard Caucasians with locks as "culture vultures."

Lanita Jacobs-Huey, an associate professor of anthropology and ethnic studies at the University of Southern California, says it's a subject that often comes up in her classes.

"Someone will say: 'I saw a white person with locks and I don't know how I feel about it,'" she says. "For me, personally, it always seems interesting and different [to see a white person with locks]. Who knows what their spiritual or cultural predilections might be? Or is it just a fashion statement?"

John Meagher, 21, a white Oakland resident and lead singer in a rock band, has had locks for two years. He says his hair choice has drawn compliments from black acquaintances.



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It just fits my persona, and I feel it looks good on me."

JASON HOWARD 36-year-old from Oakland (above)

"Maybe it's because I really don't go for a Rasta vibe. I'm not pretending to be something I'm not," he says. "I actually hate reggae."

For the record, Bowersox, who has had her locks for four-plus years, has said in various interviews that she has no intention of snipping them off just to please the "Idol" voters.

That sentiment draws a hearty cheer from Aiken, who has sported her blonde locks for a similar amount of time.

"It's a singing competition. They should probably focus on her voice," she says. "If she loves her locks, I think she should just rock them and ignore what the people are saying. They're probably just jealous anyway."

Religious persuasions: Several ascetic groups within major religions have embraced the hairstyle, including the Nazarites of Judaism, the Sadhus of Hinduism and the Coptic monks of Christianity. The tresses that provided Sampson with all that strength? Dreadlocks.



BOB MARLEY

« **The Rastafari:** For a Rasta, dreadlocks are an expression of inner spirituality and an effort to live in accordance with the laws of nature. According to a Rastafarian proverb, "A man who cuts his hair is like a tree without leaves."

Slavery: Shackled slaves grew dreadlocks during the long trip from Africa to America. According to author Jeffery Bradley ("Don't Worry, Be Nappy"), the slave traders cut them off because they considered them "dreadful."

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TV

'Glee' 8 p.m. Tuesday, Fox

A week after its gleeful Madonna episode, "Glee" gets more serious with "Home," in which Kurt (Chris Colfer, above) crushes unrequitedly on Finn (Cory Monteith) and Mercedes (Amber Riley) starves herself to fit into her Cheerios uniform. The fab Kristin Chenoweth returns as saucy and sauced up April Rhodes, who's still trying to find a sense of home herself. But the episode belongs to Colfer, who beautifully elevates the trite gay-kid-with-father-issues storyline with an emotional and heartfelt performance. Oh, and he sings Barbra Streisand. 'Nuf said. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE; FOX PHOTO**

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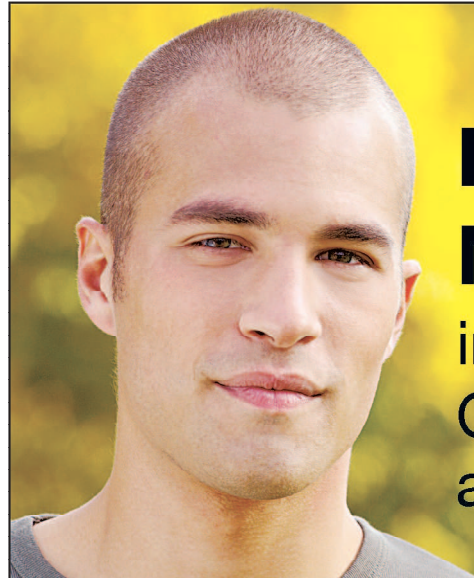
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SHOWPLACE 14

GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
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- **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) ★ 1:15, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40
- **The Losers** (PG-13) ★ 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45
- **Death at a Funeral** (R) ★ 1:45, 2:00, 2:15, 4:10, 4:45, 4:50, 6:50, 7:20, 7:50, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20
- **Kick-Ass** (R) ★ 12:50, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30
- **Date Night** (PG-13) 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
- **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
- **Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
- **The Last Song** (PG) 1:20, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
- **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) 12:45, 3:20, 6:10, 8:50
- **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (PG) 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10
- **Our Family Wedding** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 9:00

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

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- **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40
- **The Losers** (PG-13) ★ 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50
- **Oceans** (G) ★ 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
- **Death at a Funeral** (R) ★ 1:00, 2:40, 3:50, 5:10, 6:15, 7:45, 9:20, 10:20
- **Kick-Ass** (R) ★ 12:30, 1:20, 3:20, 4:30, 6:10, 7:10, 9:00, 10:00
- **The Perfect Game** (PG) ★ 12:50, 3:40, 6:20, 9:30
- **Date Night** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 9:10
- **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
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- **Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
- **The Last Song** (PG) 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 10:10
- **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 8:50

SHOWPLACE ICON

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- **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) ★ 2:00, 2:40, 4:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
- **The Losers** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 9:10
- **Oceans** (G) ★ 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
- **Death at a Funeral** (R) ★ 1:50, 2:10, 4:20, 5:00, 6:50, 7:50, 9:30, 10:20
- **Kick-Ass** (R) ★ 1:00, 1:40, 4:00, 4:40, 7:10, 7:40, 9:55, 10:30
- **The Losers** (PG-13) ★ **21 & Older** - 7:00, 9:40
- **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) **21 & Older** - 7:20, 10:00
- **Date Night** (PG-13) 1:15, 2:20, 3:40, 4:50, 7:30, 9:45
- **Date Night** (PG-13) **21 & Older** - 6:05, 8:30, 10:50
- **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45
- **Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
- **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:00
- **Alice in Wonderland 3D** (PG) 12:45, 3:45, 6:40, 9:20
- **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 2:50, 6:20, 9:50

VIP Premium 21+

- **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00
- **Date Night** (PG-13) **VIP Premium 21+** 1:15, 3:40, 6:05, 8:30, 10:50

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- **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) ★ 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- **Oceans** (G) ★ 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
- **Kick-Ass** (R) ★ 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
- **Date Night** (PG-13) 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:25
- **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
- **The Last Song** (PG) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
- **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00

EVANSTON

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- **Oceans** (G) ★ 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
- **The Back-up Plan** (PG-13) ★ 11:30, 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
- **The Losers** (PG-13) ★ 11:35, 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
- **The Secret in Their Eyes** (R) ★ 11:45, 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:40, 10:15
- **City Island** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- **Clash of the Titans 3D** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30
- **Clash of the Titans** (PG-13) 3:55, 6:55, 9:55
- **Date Night** (PG-13) 11:40, 12:30, 2:05, 3:05, 4:25, 5:35, 6:45, 9:05
- **Death at a Funeral** (R) ★ 11:25, 12:40, 1:50, 3:00, 4:05, 5:20, 6:30, 7:40, 8:50, 10:00
- **Hot Tub Time Machine** (R) 8:05, 10:35
- **How to Train Your Dragon** (PG) 12:35, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15, 10:40
- **How to Train Your Dragon 3D** (PG) 11:35, 4:10, 6:25, 8:45
- **Kick-Ass** (R) ★ 11:40, 12:25, 1:30, 2:30, 3:20, 4:20, 5:15, 6:10, 7:10, 8:10, 9:00, 10:05, 10:50
- **The Ghost Writer** (PG-13) 12:55 P.M.
- **The Joneses** (R) ★ 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45

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- 21 Get one's feet wet
- 22 First phase
- 23 Wipe away
- 25 Pitcher
- 26 Categorize
- 28 Extends one's subscription
- 31 Devil
- 32 Endeavored
- 34 Plumber's angled pipe
- 36 Trudge
- 37 Small ape, for short
- 38 Entreaty
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- 40 Blueprints
- 41 Contains
- 42 Information kept hidden
- 44 Breakfast pastry
- 45 Clumsy fellow
- 46 Pretend
- 47 Jersey or tunic
- 50 Beak
- 51 Republican Party, for short
- 54 Paint thinner
- 57 __ time; never
- 58 Alack's partner
- 59 Anticipate
- 60 Punch
- 61 Cause of woe
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- 63 Leg joint

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| 7 Four and five | 28 Borders | 47 Take a __ at; attempt |
| 8 Muhammad | 29 Capital of New Zealand | 48 Hawaiian dance |
| 9 "Miserables" | 30 Toboggans | 49 Persia, today |
| 10 Farmers' association | 32 " __ makes two of us!" | 50 Slant |
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Whitney Houston performs at a sold-out concert Sunday in London. AP

Do we still love her?

Houston bombs in London concert

Whitney Houston hasn't found her way back to "The Voice." At her first show in London since 1999, hundreds of fans walked out Sunday night as Houston warbled her way through her hits, including "I Will Always Love You." Houston admitted she couldn't reach the high notes and said, "Sometimes the old girl sings, but not tonight." USA Today reported the singer paused during songs to catch her breath and was panting heavily. Houston missed her first three concerts in Great Britain this month, saying she had a respiratory infection, but Sunday's concert wasn't the first one in which she sounded off-key and weary.

The concert "is rubbish," Mark Higgins of Hampshire told USA Today. But Caroline Law of Plymouth said: "There were moments I absolutely loved. You have to take the bad with the good."

Video from her tour is making the Internet rounds, and it's excruciating listening to this once-amazing talent stumble through "I Will Always Love You." The days when Houston's voice could soar and swoop and make us all swoon may be behind her. Perhaps she should enlist the talents of Lin Yu Chun, the Taiwanese talent show hero who out-Whitneys Whitney on "Love You." Or is she just suffering a temporary setback? Tell us what you think by weighing in via your cell phone. **EMILY ROSENBAUM MAKKA, REDEYE**


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Whitney's woes

What should Whitney do? Give us your thoughts by texting **"Whitney"** followed by the number of your choice to **87708**. You'll get results instantly and we'll print the final tallies in Thursday's Whoville.

1. She should stop performing live. Please. It's sad.
2. She should get that awesome Taiwanese guy (left) to join her onstage and sing the high notes for her.
3. She should keep trying to sing her songs. "The Voice" will return.
4. I miss Bobby Brown.

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Take me out for fun

There should be some laughs in the Wrigley Field broadcast booth this week: Tracy Morgan is scheduled to sing the seventh-inning stretch Friday and Vince Vaughn takes the mic Saturday, according to Len and Bob's Baseball Blog. No comedic slouch himself, former Cubs first baseman Mark Grace will handle the duties for Sunday's game.



Morgan
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Vaughn
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Kartheiser

Hit show, no toilet
In "Mad Men," Pete Campbell has a Manhattan apartment, a pretty wife and sharp suits. In reality, Vincent Kartheiser, the actor who plays the creepy Campbell, lives modestly. "I don't have a toilet at the moment. My house is just a wooden box. But for now I have to go to the neighbors. I threw it all out," Kartheiser told the UK's Guardian. Although he plans on getting one "at some point," he says he got hooked on giving things away after being overwhelmed with numerous gifts from events and fans.



White

She's white-hot, and so's her man
Betty White is putting an Internet rumor to rest in her first promo for "Saturday Night Live." White, who will host the show May 8, jokingly addresses the gossip that she's "dating a young hottie." White says, "Not true; I married him" as an attractive blond man dusts furniture in the background. » Watch the promo at redeye.chicago.com/showpatrol.

Bam! Pow! Ka-ching?

If shows such as "Shrek on Ice" don't quite suit your fancy, fear not. Warner Bros. and DC Comics are in the early stages of developing "Batman Live" for a nationwide tour, thr.com reports. The show is described as "an elaborate arena production"—not a theatrical production or musical. No word on whether the caped crusader will wear skates.

HOT DATE

June 18

That's the deadline to submit your talent audition for "America's Got Talent" online. Acts can upload their auditions for the NBC show at youtube.com/americasgottalent. The YouTube community will vote for its favorite, with the winner appearing on the live show.

Kid Sister's guilty pleasure

Kid Sister's latest performance must have taken some Extreme courage. The Chicago native and Kanye West collaborator (right) performed an a cappella version of "More Than Words," the 1991 hit by Extreme, in a video posted Monday on billboard.com. Why did she do it? "From the chord progressions to just the sentimental value, I love power ballads ... [so] kill me," she said.



Kid Sister
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